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We often mention that external enemies are the worst exponents of disturbance that work to our detriment. However, it is urgent to look within ourselves to discover that the toughest adversaries are those that we cannot promptly get away from, for they lodge themselves in the core of our very soul.

Among them, the most implacable are:

- Selfishness, which obstructs our spiritual vision, preventing us from seeing the needs of those we love most;
- Pride, which prevents us from embracing the light of understanding, throwing us into permanent imbalance;
- Vanity, which suggests that we overestimate our worth, leading us to disregard the merits of others;
- Discouragement, which drives us to the precipices of inertia;
- Mental intemperance, which places us in a state of indiscipline;
- Fear of suffering, which robs us of the best opportunities for progress, and so many other harmful agents that settle in our Spirit, corroding our energy and destroying our mental stability.

To transform external adversaries, we usually count on the support of friends who help us revise relationships and collaborate with us in establishing new paths; however, to extinguish those who live within us, it is only worth the help of God and the laborious effort of ourselves.

Referring to external enemies, JESUS warned us that we must forgive offenses seventy times seven times, and get rid of internal enemies ~ all of them born in the darkness of ignorance ~ the Lord promised us that: **“You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free”**, which means that we will only be safe from our inner calamities, through hard work in the workshop on education.
